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REQUEST MADE, PROPOSED USE, LOCATION:

Petitioners, who are also the property owners, Paul and Joyce Haas, represented by Vester & Associates, are seeking primary approval of a 2 lot subdivision on 3.517 acres, located at the northwest corner of SR 225 and CR 300 E, in Tippecanoe 15 (SE) 24-4.

AREA ZONING PATTERNS:

The site is zoned R1, Single-family Residential as is all surrounding land. The zoning map is misleading, in that it appears to show more than one parent tract; however the research on the history of this property shows it is a single, 3.5 acre parent tract based on a deed from the 1960's (DR 293-434).

AREA LAND USE PATTERNS:

There is an existing house and two accessory buildings on Lot 1; proposed Lot 2 is currently unimproved. Surrounding properties are all large-lot residences. The Town of Battle Ground is ½ mile to the southeast.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION:

SR 225 is classified as a rural secondary arterial by the adopted county *Thoroughfare Plan*. Currently INDOT has no plans to relinquish this highway. The existing house on Lot 1 has two driveways from the highway. Any new driveway serving Lot 2 would require a permit from INDOT. The County Highway Department is not requiring a "no vehicular access" statement along the county road frontage.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND UTILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

A letter from the County Health Department states that, "Lot one contains a single-family dwelling served by on-site sewage disposal system and private water well. A record of the septic system is on file with the Health Department. Lot 2 is undeveloped and based on a soil report...the lot is suitable for a shallow trench subsurface absorption system."

The County Surveyor's Office has no concerns with the drainage on the already developed Lot 1, but would prefer to review drainage on Lot 2 at the building permit stage. A condition requiring a covenant to that effect has been added to the final plat approval.

CONFORMANCE WITH UZO REQUIREMENTS:

Setbacks shown are correct; lot width and area are both sufficient to meet ordinance standards.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Conditional primary approval, contingent on the following:

A. Conditions

FINAL PLAT – The following items shall be part of the Secondary Application and Final Plat approval:

- 1. If there is a mortgage on this property, a recorded partial release or written acknowledgment from the mortgage company must be obtained in order to dedicate the necessary right-of-way.
- 2. All existing easements, covenants or restrictions shall be shown and referenced with the corresponding recording information (Document Number and date recorded).
- 3. All required building setbacks shall be platted.
- 4. The street addresses and County Auditor's Key Number shall be shown.

SUBDIVISION COVENANTS – The following item shall be part of the subdivision covenants:

5. The County Surveyor shall approve drainage on Lot 2 prior to the issuance of an ILP (Improvement Location Permit).